

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-13 are presently active in this case. Claims 14-20 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

The outstanding Office Action rejected Claims 1-3, 5, and 7-12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Anttila (U.S. Patent No. 6,370,394, hereinafter "Antilla '394") in view of Anttila et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0114224, herein "Anttila '224"). Claims 14-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Anttila '394 in view of Amit et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0043770). Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Anttila '394 in view of Anttila '224, in further view of Jungck (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2005/0021863). Claim 6 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Anttila '394 in view of Anttila '224, in further view of Taguchi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,148,253, herein "Taguchi"). Claim 13 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Anttila '394, in view of Anttila '224, in further view of Tanaka et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0025275, herein "Tanaka").

Applicants have cancelled claims 14-20 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to present Claims 14-20 or similar claims in a continuation application for further prosecution of the subject matter of these claims.

In response to the rejections of Claims 1-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), Applicants herewith file an English translation of the Japanese Priority Application 2000-388810, together with a certification that the translation thereof is true. Applicants thereby perfect the claim to priority of JP 2000-388810 with a filing date of December 21, 2000. In

addition, the subject matter of Claims 1-13, find non-limiting support in the priority document JP 2000-388810, for example at least in paragraphs [0011] and [0017], and in corresponding Figure 1.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Anttila '224, a reference relied upon by the outstanding Office Action to form the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection, is not prior art against Applicants' invention, since Anttila '224 has a filing date of December 18, 2001, which is nearly one year after Applicants' priority date of December 21, 2000. Therefore, Applicants request withdrawal of Anttila '224 from consideration, and believe that the rejections of each of claims 1-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based *inter alia* on Anttila '224 is overcome.

The present amendment is submitted in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.116, which after Final Rejection permits entry of amendments canceling rejected claims or complying with requirements of form set forth in a previous Office Action. As the present amendment merely cancels rejected Claims 14-20, and Applicants also believe that the remaining rejections are overcome, it is respectfully requested that the present amendment be entered.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he/she telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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